Gujarat cities under JNNURM

1162. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the capital cities of the States are included into JNNURM;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to include the Capital City of Gujarat *i.e.* Gandhinagar in JNNURM;

(c) whether Government are considering to include Porbandar city and Karmsad in JNNURM being the birth place of Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel, respectively;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have given only Rs. 300 crores under JNNURM to the State of Gujarat; and

(e) if so, whether Government are considering to enhance the limit of allocation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF UR-BAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes Sir, except Gandhinagar.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Decision to keep number of cities covered under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to around 60 was taken with the approval of Government. However, cities which are not covered under the JNNURM, including Gandhinagar have been covered under another scheme of the Ministry, namely Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT).

(d) As per indicative allocation made by the Planning Commission, there is an allocation of Rs. 300.00 crore under JNNURM for State of Gujarat for 2006-07.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to part (d) of the question.

Metro Rail Transport in Chennai

1163. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total circuit of MRT in Chennai as proposed in terms of length and the important places covered and its project cost;

(b) the progress made so far;

(c) by when the project would be completed, by when it would reach Tambaram: and then to Avadi, the efforts employed to complete the project within the time-frame prescribed;

(d) whether sufficient fund allocation is being given; and

(e) whether there are any hurdles or constraints likely to arise in completion of the project and for which there are adequate measures ensured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The MRTS project in Chennai is being implemented by Ministry of Railways. They have furnished following details in respect of the MRTS project in Chennai:

(Rupees in crores)

Name of the Project and corridor	Kms.	Cost of the project	Status
1. Chennai Beach-Tirumailai MRTS Phase-I	8.96	268.87	Already completed on 19.10.1997
2. Tirumailai-Velacheri MRTS Phase-II	11.17	733.39	Works are in progress and targeted for completion in 2006-07
3. Extension of MRTS Phase-11 from Velachery to St. Thomas Mount	5.00	415.59	Budgetary provision made in the budget 2006-07

Tambaram and Avadi are not covered by these MRTS projects.

In addition to the above, the Tamil Nadu Government has taken up preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for setting up of Metro Rail

Systems in the following 3 corridors:

(i) Thiruvottiyur to Chennai Airport through

Anna Salai — 31.5 Kms.

(ii) Chennai Beach/Harbour to Koyambedu through

EVR Periyar Salai —13.5 Kms.

(iii) Thiruvanmiyur to Ambattur Industrial Estate

— 21.68 Kms.

(e) The Railway Ministry does not foresee any hurdles or constraints likely to arise in the completion of the project.

Plan to shift golf courses

1164. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are preparing a plan to shift golf courses in all major cities and also from metropolitan cities like Delhi and Kolkata;

(b)whether any survey has been conducted about the space occupied by golf courses in the city limits of Delhi and Kolkata;

(c) whether it is a fact that nearly a thousand acres of public land in both the cities are being used for a few people playing golf;

(d) the details of golf courses in the city limits in Delhi and Kolkata; and

(e) the extent of land they occupy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has informed that there is no proposal to shift golf courses in all major cities and metropolitan cities like Delhi and Kolkata.

(b) to (e) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has further informed that the golf courses are owned and managed by private clubs/societies in various cities. Land being a State subject in the State List, utilization of land for various purposes is the subject matter of the State Government. No information is, therefore, being maintained in this Ministry regardirfg